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Dear Sir or Madam:

1. Although more than 27 months have passed since the 3/4/2005 filing of the above referenced patent application, a first Office Action has not been received.
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